

## Message Text

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FOR NEA/ARN DRAPER ONLY FROM PICKERING

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGEN  
SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR DIRECTOR DSAA

1. I WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD DELIVER  
FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM ME TO GENERAL FISH  
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR HOWARD,

I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW MUCH I REGRET WHAT I HAVE  
COME TO UNDERSTAND ARE DEEP CONCERNS ON YOUR PART  
ABOUT THE WAY IN WHICH I HAVE HANDLED A NUMBER OF  
RECENT MILITARY ASSISTANCE ISSUES. I WANT TO ASSURE  
YOU FIRST THAT THERE WAS NO INTENTION ON MY PART  
TO DIRECT CRITICISM AT YOU PERSONALLY OR DSAA IN  
GENERAL. INDEED I HAVE ALWAYS FELT I HAVE HAD YOUR  
STRONG AND CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR OUR JOINT EFFORTS  
IN JORDAN AND THUS AM DOUBLY DISTURBED BY WHAT HAS  
HAPPENED. YOU HAVE MY SINCERE APOLOGY FOR ANYTHING  
WE HAVE DONE, INADVERTENTLY I ASSURE YOU, TO HAVE  
MADE YOUR DIFFICULT TASK MORE DIFFICULT. I HAVE  
BEEN PARTICULARLY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR STRONG SUPPORT  
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ON TWO COUNTS: ON THE HAWK PROGRAM IN GENERAL, BUT  
ALSO ON THE MYRIAD SMALL PROBLEMS WHICH  
SEEM TO ARISE ON A DAILY AND WEEKLY BASIS IN ADMIN-  
ISTERING OUR PROGRAM AND ON WHICH IN THE PAST GOOD  
SENSE HAS ALWAYS SEEMED FINALLY TO PREVAIL MAINLY  
AS A RESULT OF YOUR OWN PERSONAL HELP.

COMMUNICATING OVER THIS DISTANCE AND IN AN IMPER-  
SONAL MANNER IS NOT THE EASIEST WAY TO TALK OUT  
PROBLEMS. IF YOU AGREE, AND IN THE ABSENCE OF MY  
ABILITY TO GET TO WASHINGTON BEFORE THE END OF THE  
MONTH, I WOULD LIKE TO BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU BY  
TELEPHONE AS SOON AS CONVENIENT TO YOU, TO FOLLOW  
UP AND DO WHAT I CAN TO TRY TO CLEAR UP ANY ISSUES  
OR PROBLEMS. IF YOU WOULD LET ROY ATHERTON OR  
MORRIS DRAPER KNOW ON THIS POINT, I WILL BE GLAD  
TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU. I HAVE SENT THIS NOTE TO  
YOU IN THIS MANNER TO TRY TO ENSURE THAT YOU HEAR  
FROM ME SPEEDILY AND CONFIDENTIALLY. END TEXT.  
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